

STATE CAPITAL NEWS

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By A. L. LINDBECK

Salem.—At last the controversy between the state tax commission and the Multnomah county assessor has found its way into the courts.

In taking original jurisdiction in this case the supreme court has recognized its state wide importance. While the issue directly involved in the appeal of the tax commission to the courts is that of enforcement of its orders to the county assessor back of this issue is the legality of the "varied ratio" system of assessment against which the commission has ruled.

Attorneys for Tom Watson, the Multnomah county assessor, protested against the proposal that the case be taken to the supreme court, insisting that under an act of 1929 the commission's only recourse was through a petition to the Multnomah county circuit court.

Attorneys for the tax commission, on the other hand, contended that the importance of the case and its state wide significance entitled it to a review by the state's highest tribunal and a speedy determination.

Washington county public ownership advocates are going to make another try for a Peoples' Utility district. Preliminary petitions were filed with State Engineer Stricklin by a group headed by Frances M. Coon and Lyman Ross. The proposed district will include all of the rural area in the county. Forest Grove which operates its own municipal plant has been eliminated as also have the communities of Hillsboro, Beaverton and Sherwood which voted against the proposed district in a previous election.

Many Oregon school districts are still looking for qualified teachers, according to Rex Putnam, state su-

perintendent of public instruction. Higher pay offers in other lines have lured many away from the teaching profession, Putnam points out. Some districts have found it necessary to increase salaries while others are offering bonus pay for those who stay on the job.

Small industries throughout the nation are to share in the defense boom, according to Governor Sprague who returned Sunday from a civilian defense conference at San Francisco at which he presided. Army officials attending the conference announced that henceforth defense contracts would be localized rather than concentrated through Washington and that small industries will be utilized to the limit in speeding up the drive for guns, tanks and airplanes.

With cash receipts for his department totalling \$1,201,458 for the first nine months, Ormond R. Bean, public utilities commissioner predicts that this will be the biggest year in the history of the department. Increased demand for lumber, increased log hauling and greater activity generally among truck operators accounts for the increase in revenues of the department, Bean said.

Because the lure of higher pay in defense industries and federal bureaus has taken so many employees off the state payroll the Unemployment Compensation commission has found it necessary to again open its lists to job hunting office workers. Examinations are to be held at key points throughout the state next month for a number of positions at salaries ranging from \$80 to \$120 a month.

Governor Sprague may have been the first of the 1942 crop of candidates to definitely announce his political intentions but it remained for a democrat to make the first formal filing. Howard Latourette, democratic national committeeman, who was drafted at a rally in Portland two weeks ago threw his hat into the political ring this week when he filed with Secretary of State Snell his preliminary petition announcing his intention to seek the nomination of his party in the primary election of next May.

Another political development of the week came out of a big rally of Southern Oregon democrats at Roseburg on the night of October 4 which is said to have been well attended by party leaders all bubbling over with enthusiasm over the prospects for a democratic victory in Oregon next year. Especially are the southern Oregon democrats confident of their ability to elect their candidate to congress from the new fourth district with at least three outstanding party leaders prominently mentioned as possible aspirants for the new post. Floyd Dover of Rogue River has already let it be known that he intends to enter the race while George Coddling of Medford, formerly district attorney of Jackson county, and Ed Kelly whose home is in Medford but who is now employed by the Bonneville administration are both understood to be definitely interested.

Hallowe'en pranksters who were looking forward to a big night under the protection of an experimental blackout the last of this month are doomed to disappointment. State Coordinator Jerrold Owen this week took the joy out of life for these nocturnal merry-makers with the announcement that in any event the proposed blackout would not last for more than 15 minutes. Again observance of the experiment is optional with the various cities and preliminary reports are that only a few places will undertake the test.

There will be no property tax levy for state purposes in 1942. Elimination of the state levy will include not only regular and special levies but also the two-mill elementary school tax which while levied by the state tax commission is generally regarded as a county levy. Confirmation of this came in an announcement by Governor Sprague this week after members of the state tax commission had informed the executive department that income tax revenues would be sufficient to finance all state needs without resort to a property levy. Waiver of the elementary school levy the governor pointed out, will save property owners approximately \$1,950,000 a year in taxes. Regular levies inside the constitutional six per cent limitation for 1942 will approximate \$2,442,000 with special millage levies for higher education and other purposes will amount to approximately \$919,000 all of which will be offset by revenues from income taxes.

Eleanor Sharpless Stephens, the new state librarian, will take over her duties about October 20, she has advised Governor Sprague. Selected by the library board at a meeting last week to succeed the late Harriett Long, Miss Stephens comes to the Oregon post from Los Angeles where she has been chief of the branches division of the Los Angeles county library since 1939. Miss Stephens has held a number of responsible library positions including that of state librarian in Washington in 1924-25.

A total of 305 Oregon men will be called into military service during November, according to instructions received by Lt. Col. Elmer V. Wooten, state director of selective service. The men will report for induction into the army at Portland on November 3, 4, 5 and 6.

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Dated and first published at Heppner, Oregon, this 16th day of October, 1941.

ALMA E. MORGAN, Administratrix.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the Board of the Lone Cooperative church has selected J. Fred Stilwell of Albany, Oregon, to become our pastor subject to the election of the Congregation on Sunday, Oct. 19, 1941, at a business meeting to be called at the close of the morning service on the above date.

The cooperation of the entire community is most earnestly solicited by the board and your presence at the services of the church both morning and evening will be greatly appreciated.

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